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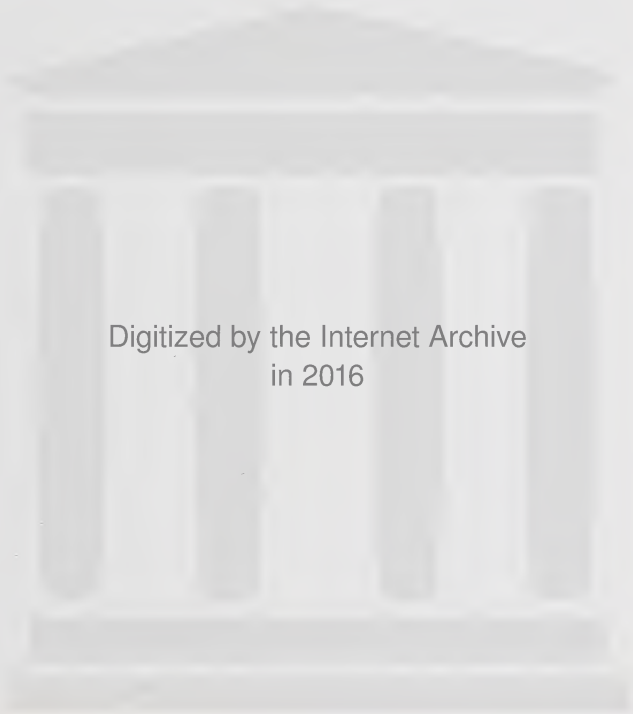
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Biography

Hjalmar Carl Nygaard was born on a farm near Sharon, Steele County, N. Dak., March 24, 1906; attended the public schools of Sharon, Mayville State Teachers College, and the University of North Dakota; taught in the rural schools of Emmons and Steele Counties 1932–1935; engaged in the grocery business 1936–1944 at Sharon, N. Dak., and in the hardware business in 1944–1960 at Enderlin, N. Dak.; served as mayor of Sharon and as a member of the school board; member of the State house of representatives 1949–1960, serving as majority leader in 1955 and 1957 and as speaker in 1959; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-Seventh and Eighty-Eighth Congresses and served from January 3, 1961, until his death July 18, 1963; member of National Monument Commission 1961–1963; died from the effects of a heart attack in the United States Capitol Building, Washington, D.C., July 18, 1963; interment in City Cemetery, Enderlin, N. Dak.

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MONDAY, *July 22, 1963.*

The Reverend Vairl C. Winter, Grass Lick Baptist Church, Kenna, W. Va., offered the following prayer:

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God.—Romans 13: 1.

May we pray:

Supreme Architect of the Universe: Maker and ruler of all people, history and experience have given us so many evidences of Thy guidance to nations and to individuals that we should not doubt Thy power or Thy willingness to direct us. Give us faith to be led by Thee.

Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Defend our liberties, preserve our unity. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion. Fashion us into one happy people whose God is the Lord. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those whom we entrust in Thy name with authority, temper our self-confidence with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail.

We would thank Thee for our beloved colleague who has served among us and now who lives in Thy clearer presence.

In His name, who gave His all to us, we pray. Amen.

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, at this time I desire to offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution (H. Res. 449), as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable HJALMAR C. NYGAARD, a Representative from the State of North Dakota.

Resolved, That a committee of nineteen Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House: Mr. Short, Mr. Halleck, Mr. Arends, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Aspinall, Mr. Saylor, Mr. Berry, Mr. McIntire, Mr. Avery, Mr. Sisk, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Langen, Mr. Rivers of Alaska, Mr. Beermann, Mr. Doyle, Mr. MacGregor, Mr. Martin of Nebraska, Mr. Reifel, and Mr. Duncan.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect, the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 23, 1963, at 12 o'clock noon.

TUESDAY, *July 23, 1963.*

A message from the Senate announced that the Senate had passed a resolution, as follows:

S. RES. 175

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Honorable HJALMAR C. NYGAARD, late a Representative from the State of North Dakota.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the late Representative, the Senate do now adjourn until Wednesday next.

Remarks by Representative Short

Of North Dakota

Mr. SHORT. Mr. Speaker, as most Members of the House know, my colleague from North Dakota, HJALMAR NYGAARD, suffered a fatal heart attack here in the Capitol Building on last Thursday afternoon.

To say that I was shocked and saddened is hardly an adequate expression of my emotions at losing HJALMAR as an experienced and able partner in this assignment of representing the people of North Dakota here in the National Congress. I say this is hardly an adequate expression because HJALMAR, in addition to being my colleague in Congress, was my close friend. We had served together during my one term in the North Dakota House of Representatives, and since we have been together here in Congress, our acquaintance had developed into a personal friendship. The good Lord just does not create finer people than HJALMAR—and I am sure those of you here who got to know him and had occasion to work with him share and understand my feelings.

My sorrow also extends to Mrs. Nygaard, "Tommy" to those who know her well, because I learned to know of the deep affection that existed between these two wonderful people. I know my loss of a close personal friend is almost nothing compared to Tommy's loss of her lifelong partner and beloved husband.

HJALMAR was born on a farm near Sharon, N. Dak., in 1906, and spent practically his entire life in his native State. He received his college education at Mayville Teachers College and the University of North Dakota, and as a young man taught school for several years. In his hometown of Sharon, N. Dak., he operated a grocery store, served as mayor of the town, and as a member of the school board. Perhaps this was when HJALMAR first became interested in politics be-

cause we find him doing more than his share of public service during the rest of his life.

He was one of those who took an active and positive interest in public affairs for the good of his town, his church, his State, and our great Nation. When he moved to Enderlin, N. Dak., in 1944, where he went into the hardware business with his brother-in-law, Carl Bjerke, his ability and dedicated sound thinking was soon recognized because it was from this community that he was sent to the North Dakota House of Representatives in 1948. Here he served continuously for six terms, through 1959. His honesty, integrity, leadership, and ability, was again recognized in the halls of our State legislature because he served as majority leader in the 1955 and 1957 sessions and was speaker of the house in 1959. It was only natural that his Republican colleagues in North Dakota should choose him as their candidate for Congress in 1960, and he was elected to Congress in the November 8, 1960, general election—and again in 1962.

In addition to his interest in politics, HJALMAR was a member of Kiwanis and served on the board of directors of the North Dakota Lutheran Welfare Society. One of his most intense interests was the welfare of unfortunate children and he actively supported the Fargo, N. Dak., Lutheran Welfare Department, the Jamestown, N. Dak., Crippled Children's School, and the Shriner's Crippled Children's Home.

HJALMAR was a Mason and belonged to the Lutheran Church. Those of us who attended his funeral service in Enderlin on Monday witnessed the love and esteem in which he was held as people from all walks of life and all over North Dakota, gathered to pay their respects to their humble and unassuming friend. This was a demonstration of the highest honor that could be accorded a fellow citizen, a neighbor, and a friend. The simple, but beautiful church service in the smalltown church, conducted by three pastors who had known HJALMAR and served as pastor in churches he attended was in keeping with the calm dignity which personified the man we knew and loved as HJALMAR NYGAARD.

I know that sympathy is perhaps small comfort in time of such a loss, but my wife Edith and I hope and pray that Tommy will find her loss easier to bear through the knowledge of the high regard in which her husband of 30 years was held by all who knew him.

We want to extend our sympathy to HJALMAR'S father, Carl Nygaard, and HJALMAR'S sisters and brothers—and to HJALMAR and Tommy's daughter, Eileen, and her husband, John Larson, and their two children John and Mary.

Remarks by Representative Halleck

Of Indiana

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, it is always a sad occasion for all of us when the time comes to pay our last respects to the memory of a colleague who is no longer with us.

Usually there is some small consolation in the fact that death has come only after a long period of service for this young Representative. But there is no such consolation as we speak here now of the life and achievements of HJALMAR NYGAARD, for he left us after less than two terms of service in the House. Not only was his passing untimely but his death was so sudden that it came as a great shock to all of us who knew and admired him. One moment he was with us, here on this floor, and the next he was gone.

But it is not for us to question the wisdom of a Divine Providence in mourning the death of our friend.

It was my privilege to know HJALMAR NYGAARD before his election to the House of Representatives in 1960. I met him while campaigning for our party in North Dakota and was impressed with the high regard and affection in which he was held by the citizens of his State. The fact that he was elected to Congress in an at-large race 3 years ago, and reelected last year, is proof of this fact.

During his brief but effective service in Congress, HJALMAR has probably developed as much respect and affection among his colleagues as any man ever has in such a short length of time.

He was a quiet, gentle, unassuming, friendly, dependable, and able man who will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and working with him.

In their bereavement I offer my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Nygaard and her fine daughter and to all of HJALMAR'S family and friends.

Remarks by Representative Albert

Of Oklahoma

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, the sudden and untimely death of our late friend has deeply shocked every Member of this House. In a relatively short period of time, our late colleague won unanimous recognition in this body through his ability and his character. He served his country and the Congress with distinction and devotion as was expected of a man who had been elected to serve in this body following his service in the highest position in his own State legislature, as speaker of the North Dakota State Legislature.

I join my friend the gentleman from North Dakota [Mr. Short], in this word of humble tribute. Mr. NYGAARD won not only the respect and affection of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle, he made a place for himself in our esteem by his fine work. He endeared himself to all of us by his friendly, cooperative manner.

I extend my deep sympathy to his widow, his daughter, his grandchildren, and to all his loved ones.

Remarks by Representative Schadeberg

Of Wisconsin

Mr. SCHADEBERG. Mr. Speaker, one of the privileges of membership of this House is that of developing intimate acquaintance with some of our Nation's most dedicated and patriotic servants. This intangible but nonetheless real benefit of serving in Congress is not, in fact cannot be, fully understood by those who have not served our Nation here. It is a privilege that must be experienced firsthand in order to be fully appreciated and today as I come to the well of this House with the burden of a personal sorrow caused by the death of a colleague and dear friend, I am perhaps more aware of this privilege than at any time during the past 2½ years.

I do not presume to be able with words to express any deep or profound thoughts about the man in whose memory we as a House meet today. His appearance on the political scene involving our Nation's life is but as a moment compared to her years of rich history. In a very real sense he has but made an entry upon the stage of history—rapidly passing across the stage, and making his exit. But, in the historic drama unfolding before the eyes of a weary world, that brief and fleeting appearance has significance far out of proportion to the measure of time. Just as in a great work of art, some actor who plays a minor part becomes the most remembered character of a play because he has projected himself into the part to such an extent that those who view the play cannot separate the character from the man, HJALMAR NYGAARD, in rapidly proceeding across the stage of our national history has left an indelible imprint upon our time, for he did not—indeed he could not—appear what he was not. He presented himself as he was: First, a man of deep and abiding conviction; second, of more than average ability; third, of sincerity born of a faith in his fellow men and in

God; and fourth, of trustworthiness and complete honesty growing out of his simple heartfelt concern over the problems that beset the free people of our world.

HJALMAR NYGAARD does not need me or any Member of Congress to speak in his behalf. He has ably spoken in his own behalf with his life. No mere words of mine could either add to nor detract from the high esteem in which he was held by those who knew him intimately. No words of ours can change the circumstances of this hour nor would it be our desire to do so if we could, for God in His infinite love has called one of His own unto Himself. We who remain miss the presence of one whose life did not belong to us but was merely loaned to us for a time.

While we are sorrowful because of his death we have grateful hearts because we have been privileged to have had our lives touched by the all too brief presence of one who is no longer with us in body. Several hours before HJALMAR NYGAARD laid aside the mantle of flesh I was privileged to have had a brief chat with him in the cloakroom about some of the problems with which our Nation and this House are faced in our day. At the close of our conversation I reminded him that there were some things in this life worth living for and some worth dying for. I said:

> HJALMAR, you and I have passed the period in life in which the mere fact of living is so precious that we are willing to look askance at wrongs—social, political, and otherwise—merely to have a few more years of comfort and satisfaction. We have, if God would so bless us, at best but 40 years; more probably 20 years of life; and who knows it may be just a few hours.

Then we had a quorum call and I left him. Returning to my office after the completion of the business of the day I thought of HJALMAR and the conversation we had had in which he made it clear that he intended to continue as he had in the past to pursue the goal of freedom for all men regardless of personal cost. It was shortly thereafter that my colleague had been relieved of his burdens and concerns and had proceeded on that journey that we must all someday take alone to meet face to face with our Maker.

We have bid our farewell to a dear colleague but we would be naive indeed if we did not recognize that for those of us who knew him as a trusted friend and counselor, as a companion in our daily walk with reality, there is now a void which in our moments of sober reflection will be filled with sorrow over his absence. Yet sorrow is not all ill; it is the means by which we learn some of life's deepest secrets and profound truths.

Robert Browning Hamilton wrote these words of wisdom which I pass on to you. I urge you to take this time to consider them ere the rush of activities and demands upon our time blot out the lessons to be learned.

I walked a mile with Pleasure;
She chattered all the way,
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow
And ne'er a word said she;
But, O, the things I learned from her
When Sorrow walked with me.

Today we who meet in memory of a departed colleague have our thoughts on death. We talk about the one who died. We mourn his absence. We will not admit it to anyone—not even to ourselves—but deep in our conscience is the thought that for the grace of God these minutes might have been set aside for us. We feel we are too young to die. Surely HJALMAR NYGAARD was too young to die. We know that if the experience of untimely death could come to him, it could come to us, for death is no respecter of persons. So, perhaps, this laying aside of the mantle of flesh—we in our frailty and our finiteness, because our human minds cannot comprehend what life really is and cannot deal with it aside from the body brings us to a realization that death—or what we call death—is not necessarily an evil to be shunned nor is it a tragic experience of life whether it come early in life or late in life or as in the experience of our colleague, in our middle years. Yet death in reality is life in its fullest and we who feel we are indispensable might well know that try

as we might we cannot evade the consequences of our actions even though our eyelids close in silent sleep. George Washington Bethune reminds us in his verses:

It is not death to die,
To leave this weary road
And, midst the brotherhood on high,
To be at home with God.

It is not death to close
The eye long dimmed with tears,
And wake in glorious repose,
To spend eternal years.

It is not death to fling
Aside this sinful dust,
And rise on strong, exulting wing
To live among the just.

Jesus, thou Prince of Life
Thy chosen cannot die:
Like Thee, they conquer in the strife,
To reign with Thee on high.

I offer to Mrs. Nygaard and her daughter my hand of Christian fellowship and love. My prayer is that God will reach down with his hand of love and uphold and strengthen her as she bears the burden of sorrow in her bereavement. While no words of mine could comfort her soul, tortured by this sudden separation, I assure her that HJALMAR has won our deepest gratitude for allowing us to be his friend. He has won a place of lasting respect in our hearts because he in his own way had learned the key to life that gave meaning to it for him and for those who knew him.

These brief lines of Henry Van Dyke apply to our friend and colleague. They speak to us the true measure of the man:

Four things a man must learn to do
If he would make his record true;
To think without confusion clearly;
To love his fellow man sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and Heaven securely.

Remarks by Representative Arends

Of Illinois

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, it is difficult for us to understand why one so fine and so young, so good and noble, should suddenly be taken from us. In the short time HJALMAR NYGAARD has been here in Congress he has enriched the lives of all of us. He has left his mark not only upon legislation but upon the minds and hearts of those of us who have been privileged to serve with him.

Prior to coming to Congress he served in the State Legislature of North Dakota for many years. The fact that he became speaker of the North Dakota House of Representatives bespeaks his legislative ability and his leadership qualities. He was destined to be one of the leaders of the Congress.

There was nothing ostentatious or superficial about HJALMAR. He was a man of quiet simplicity. I enjoyed just sitting and talking with him. I am honored to have known and called him friend.

There comes to mind a few lines from Robert Burns which are truly applicable to HJALMAR:

> For thus the royal mandate ran
> When first the human race began
> The social, friendly, honest man,
> Whate'er he be
> 'Tis he fulfills great nature's plan,
> And none but he.

With the passing of HJALMAR I have lost a very fine friend—one of the finest one could have. I extend my sincerest sympathy to his wife and family.

Remarks by Representative Haley

Of Florida

Mr. HALEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise here today to pay tribute to our departed colleague, the late HJALMAR NYGAARD, Representative from the State of North Dakota.

Although Congressman NYGAARD's service in the Congress was brief—he was with us only 2½ years—his service was distinguished. He was an able legislator, quiet but effective. He was dedicated to the interests of his people of North Dakota and was genuinely concerned about the problems of all people in this Nation of ours. He was a kindly man, ever ready to assist his colleagues in their own problems.

It was my privilege to serve with Congressman NYGAARD on the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and also on the Indian Affairs Subcommittee, of which I am chairman. I had the opportunity to know him well and I knew him to be a man faithful to his responsibilities. He was diligent in his attendance both in committee and in the daily sessions of the House of Representatives. His service on the committee was very valuable. North Dakota and the Nation have lost a noble citizen and great public servant.

To Mrs. Nygaard and her family, I extend my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Hoeven

Of Iowa

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked to learn of the sudden passing of my very good friend, Congressman HJALMAR NYGAARD. Both coming from the vast Midwest area of this great country, we had very much in common. Our personal relations were also most pleasant, and it has been a real pleasure and a privilege for me to have been associated with him throughout his service in the Congress.

HJALMAR NYGAARD was a quiet and kindly man who was greatly admired and respected by all of his colleagues in the House of Representatives. He was a fine legislator and ever attentive to his congressional duties. Best of all, he was a Christian gentleman who served well his day and generation.

We in the House of Representatives have lost a real friend and able Representative. The State of North Dakota has lost a great public servant. We all regret his untimely passing.

Mrs. Hoeven joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Nygaard and all members of the family.

Remarks by Representative Reid

Of Illinois

Mrs. REID. Mr. Speaker, I feel that I cannot be silent and merely listen to the eulogies for HJALMAR NYGAARD. I am speaking as a new Member of Congress. He was not a friend of long duration although I certainly counted Congressman NYGAARD as my good friend. I respected him as a colleague; I admired him as a person. He was a kind, gentle man—always ready to give the benefit of his counsel when requested but never forcing his opinions.

I worked with him on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. He was quiet, but when he spoke he contributed by his deep insight into the problems at hand. I feel that I, particularly, can understand Mrs. Nygaard's feelings at this time, and I wish to extend to her and her family my deep, heartfelt sympathy. I hope that these meager words which are uttered here today will emphasize to them the genuine loss each of us feels.

Remarks by Representative Langen

Of Minnesota

Mr. LANGEN. Mr. Speaker, life's moments of sadness and remorse are not easily recorded. I have never been more aware of this fact than I am today in joining my colleagues in expressing my deepest feelings of regret and lonely melancholy in the untimely passing of a very dear friend, a most respected colleague and noble citizen, Congressman HJALMAR NYGAARD.

A normal lifetime offers few opportunities to share and profit from an altogether too short acquaintance with a person whose depth and strength of character was of such proportion that it defies description. I shall always cherish and benefit from having been exposed to his vibrant and faithful friendship, his dedicated and productive statesmanship, and his colorful and catching Christian character.

HJALMAR NYGAARD responded to and fulfilled with commendable achievement the roles of husband, father, civic and social leader, and public servant. To this I can attest as a recipient of his gracious hospitality at his home, his probing and reflecting wisdom in committee, his reliable and understanding deliberations throughout the Halls and on the floor of Congress. His success in so many endeavors can be attributed to a gentle, convincing persuasiveness that was worthy of marvel, an uncanny ability and talent to project the significance of every objective into the future, a judgment that was tempered by experience and studious research that produced decisions with a ruggedness that would stand the trials of time.

All of his attributes were further flavored with a sense of fairness that was considerate of every segment of our society, with equal regard for future members.

One cannot possibly reflect on HJALMAR NYGAARD'S estate without also being aware of a very humane, confident respon-

siveness that could only be supplied by an understanding, loving and contributing wife. Tommy, as she is known to friends, was always ready with a beaming admiration, a trusting word, an encouraging prod, and an unquestioning faith, each appropriated with understanding ingenuity. To her, their daughter, and the host of personal friends, these words must seem hollow and inadequate, for they reflect praise, but provide no hint that justice prevailed in HJALMAR'S untimely calling. But this is not for us to either contemplate or explain, but rather to accept with divine faith and recollection of his rich life of contribution to our welfare and memory. For his community, State, Nation, and, yes, the world, bear both the seeds and the fruit of his efforts that will provide a nourishing strength and benefit to the cause of mankind in government and Christian endeavor for years to come.

Mrs. Langen joins me and his colleagues here in the House in extending our fondest hope that this knowledge may bring some solace and comfort to those who mourn him. My life has been enriched, this Congress has been dignified, the liberty and freedom of man has been enhanced by HJALMAR NYGAARD. May his memory be as lastingly blessed.

Remarks by Representative Edmondson

Of Oklahoma

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for this opportunity to join in a well-earned and well-deserved tribute to a most distinguished colleague. It was my privilege to serve on the distinguished House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs with our departed colleague, for several years. During that time I came to appreciate the fact that he was a man of many gifts. One gift that he had that was particularly impressive to me and one that I always admired in him very much was his ability to engage in partisan controversy and yet to retain, even in the most heated type of controversy, a sweetness and a friendliness in his approach to his colleagues and to those who disagreed with him that made it impossible not to love him and to respect him. This is a quality which I particularly admired and respected in our departed colleague.

Certainly in this and in many other ways it was an enriching experience to serve with him and work with him in this great forum.

My wife joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Nygaard and to the Nygaard family.

Remarks by Representative Reifel

Of South Dakota

Mr. REIFEL. Mr. Speaker, among our many friends in the Congress, HJALMAR and Mrs. Nygaard were closest to Mrs. Reifel and me. In the nature of things each of us forms attachments that brings him near to only a few people. For us, HJALMAR and his lovely and thoughtful wife Tommy were among these few. We four came to Washington at the same time, we occupied offices in the Old House Office Building, we had living quarters in the same apartment house; the four of us frequently took weekend trips; we visited as neighbors back in our adjoining districts. They shared with us the happiness of Tommy's birthday and her 30th wedding anniversary just a few days ago at dinner at the Army-Navy Country Club where HJALMAR was a member.

HJALMAR was a regular attendant at the Thursday morning congressional prayer breakfast. It was on that day last week that he was called to his reward. Tommy watched him as he left home to be present.

Here was a man with whom a visit was always a restful and reassuring experience—what more could one ask of a friend?

His place in the life our family, while empty of his physical presence, shall always be filled to overflowing with pleasant memories of our delightful hours happily shared over these past 2½ years.

He was a friend to those he knew—he thought ill of none. He was always ready to befriend a stranger.

When God calls, we who remain behind must try to understand His good works, close ranks, and continue to fashion a better world for our fellow man as did our departed colleague in his allotted time.

To Tommy, Eileen their daughter, HJALMAR's dad, Carl, and the entire family, Mrs. Reifel and I extend our deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Duncan

Of Oregon

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, measured against the service of many, HJALMAR NYGAARD passed rather hurriedly through the congressional firmament. Yet he left his mark etched deeply on the record of this body and in the memory and affection of his colleagues. The product of a small mid-western community, he rose through dedicated and unselfish public service to the Congress of the United States in a classic example of the American tradition.

Monday his neighbors and friends from North Dakota gathered to pay an impressive final tribute to HJALMAR NYGAARD. I was privileged to share in that tribute. Today I am pleased to join the Members of the House in saying to HJALMAR NYGAARD, as he observes us from the point of vantage we all hope someday to achieve, "Well done."

And I want further to say to his wife and family how fortunate they have been, as has the Congress, to have had HJALMAR in their midst even for so brief a period.

Remarks by Representative Kyl

Of Iowa

Mr. KYL. Mr. Speaker, the flag atop the Nation's Capitol has flown at halfmast. Old Glory has lost a friend. Our own spirits, too, are at a lower level this day, because we have lost a friend. HJALMAR NYGAARD is gone. When he left, he took something from each of us. And he left with us something of himself.

It was my pleasure to share many personal experiences with this friendly, moral man. I knew him best as a Congressman. Many times it occurred to me that Congressman NYGAARD had a singular attribute which all true representatives of a State should have. There was never any question that he belonged to the State of North Dakota.

He reflected the broad vista of the great prairie. He had substance, even as the most hardy of pioneers who built the sod shanty and broke the land. His was the tolerance of that virgin territory which opened its doors to men of all nationalities. His usual voice was that of the prairie summer breeze that whispers through the blue stem and the buffalo grass. Yet, when man's liberty was questioned, he could thunder like the line storm which sweeps from the Badlands to the Red River. He could tie together the story of the past with vision of the future. He was North Dakota. But provincial, he was not.

The memory of HJALMAR NYGAARD will remain an inspiration. We are better because he was here.

Remarks by Representative Rivers

Of Alaska

Mr. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, when I attended the HJALMAR NYGAARD funeral service in North Dakota on Monday with 20 of our colleagues I did so in memory of fondness for a friend as well as high and great respect for a distinguished colleague in this Congress.

I join in the very fine thoughts that have been spoken here about HJALMAR NYGAARD. I certainly subscribe to them because, having been privileged to be a member of the same committee with him, the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, I got to know his sterling quality and the effectiveness of his work and to recognize the scope of his interest and the dedication with which he served. My deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Nygaard and the others of his family, and I extend my wishes for their happiness in the years ahead with the inspiration of HJALMAR'S memory.

Remarks by Representative Martin

Of Nebraska

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. Speaker, it is always a sad occasion for all of us when the time comes to pay our last respects to a colleague and friend who is no longer with us. The untimely death of HJALMAR C. NYGAARD, of North Dakota, is a shock to his many friends here in the Congress, and I join my colleagues in paying tribute to his memory.

HJALMAR C. NYGAARD was one of the stalwart members of the 87th Club. A man of high principles, integrity, and complete honesty, he was one in whom his colleagues had the greatest confidence. HJALMAR always did his homework and was quick to grasp the essentials of a problem and to suggest a workable solution. His insistence that all legislation should be considered in the light of America first was one of the cardinal principles to which he always adhered. He always stood steadfast in this regard and refused to sacrifice his principles for expediency.

As a fellow member of the 87th Club, I came to know HJALMAR early in January of 1961. He was a quiet, modest fellow who easily made friends. I first knew him as a fellow legislator whom I held in the highest regard and, later, on a social basis with his charming and friendly wife, Tommy. He was always a gentleman under all circumstances.

His background as a small businessman in North Dakota showed up in his practical approach to problems. His 12 years in the North Dakota House of Representatives, including 4 years as majority leader and 2 years as speaker, were evident in his approach to legislative problems. He had a thorough background in both the field of business and Government. This solid, down-to-earth approach will be missed. He worked with sincere dedication for the welfare of his district, his State, and his Nation. We can ill afford to lose men

of his caliber. He well deserved the admiration and respect of those of us who knew him and who worked with him.

Personally, I have lost a friend—one on whom I could count at all times. Acquaintances are many, but friends are few and precious. To his lovely wife, Tommy, and daughter, I offer sincere condolences. You have both enriched the lives of those who have been privileged to know you.

Remarks by Representative Battin

Of Montana

Mr. BATTIN. Mr. Speaker, in memory of our beloved colleague, whose untimely death last week was such a shock to all of us, I would like to read an editorial from the Grand Forks (N. Dak.) Herald:

Death of U.S. Representative HJALMAR NYGAARD in the National Capitol last Thursday was a great loss not alone to his many friends but to this State at large, for in his public life he had won respect and wide acclaim.

His sudden and untimely death at 57 was a shock to the State he had served so well in several capacities, always devoting his full energy to the faithful discharge of the duties entrusted to him. There are those in public life—all too many, alas—whose first concern is the headlines they will achieve or the public applause they can evoke in the performance of even the routine tasks of public office.

This was never Mr. NYGAARD's concern: he was never a headline hunter. To have sought fulsome acclaim for discharging his duties to the best of his ability would have been a compromise with the high standards that had always fixed his course in public life.

Mr. NYGAARD was devoted to the principles of the Republican Party, through which he saw the greatest opportunity of service to his State and Nation, but above that he was first a loyal and devoted citizen of his State and country.

North Dakota—and every State and community—can ill afford to lose citizens of Mr. NYGAARD's caliber, whether in public or private life. Naming a worthy successor will be no small task.

Could one say more?

And I might add, his colleagues of both sides of the aisle can ill afford to lose a man of such unquestioned integrity and veracity; a quiet man but a man with all of the determination and resourcefulness of his Norse forefathers who have added so much to the strength and character of his State and our country.

To his family, my deep friendship and sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Dole

Of Kansas

Mr. DOLE. Mr. Speaker, the real measure of any man can be gaged most accurately by the attitude of those in his home community, his church, his friends, neighbors, and associates—those who have known him best through the years. By this test, or any other, HJALMAR NYGAARD was an outstanding man.

In visiting with his friends and neighbors in Enderlin, N. Dak., Monday, July 22, one quickly noted the profound respect and admiration felt for our friend, and theirs, was real, genuine, and deep rooted. The words spoken by Rev. C. A. Tollefson and Rev. O. H. Schaible were based on long and enduring friendships with a man who had humbly served his church, his community, State, and Nation. Too often those in national politics become so involved in efforts to meet unending demands we forget real virtues are not based on political successes, but are developed and strengthened among our hometown friends and associates, not necessarily in Washington, D.C.

To those of us in the Republican 87th Club, HJALMAR was a true friend. He reflected daily the knowledge, temperament, character, and objective attitude so many of us yearn for. He believed in sound government and voted accordingly. HJALMAR had faith that the concept of individual responsibility was best for his devoted wife, Clara; his daughter, Eileen; his lovely grandchildren, John and Mary; his father, Carl; his brothers and sisters; other relatives and all those he was privileged to represent in the First District of North Dakota. He represented a solid-thinking constituency who, by their vote, recognized his complete devotion and adherence to fundamental American principles. His strength and dedication will be missed by all who knew him on Capitol Hill, by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle, and deeply by Re-

publican 87th Club members who were privileged to work actively with him. His death is our first and, while he can never be replaced, we now pledge ourselves to uphold with honor and dignity, through our action and conduct, our love and respect for our departed friend and colleague.

We shall miss him, but to have known HJALMAR at all has enriched the lives of all of us. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his devoted and loyal companion, Clara; his daughter, Eileen; and a host of relatives and friends.

Remarks by Representative Chenoweth

Of Colorado

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in paying our respects to our departed colleague from North Dakota, HJALMAR NYGAARD.

Mr. Speaker, I was greatly shocked and saddened when I heard of his untimely passing last week. I saw him on the floor of the House that afternoon just a short time before he became ill. It was hard to believe that he had been taken from us so suddenly, and without warning.

Mr. Speaker, I have never seen a more perfect gentleman than HJALMAR NYGAARD. He had such a gentle and gracious personality that be made lasting friends of everyone he met. It was a great privilege for me to serve with him on the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. We had many visits in connection with legislation pending before the committee and on many national issues. This gave me an opportunity to get better acquainted with him and to appreciate more fully his many sterling qualities. I shall always cherish happy memories of these interesting and pleasant visits with HJALMAR NYGAARD.

Our beloved colleague was a most capable legislator. We need more men like HJALMAR NYGAARD in public life. His passing is an irreparable loss, not only to his district, but to the State of North Dakota and the entire Nation. He was taken just at a time when he was needed the most.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Chenoweth joins me in extending our deep personal sympathy to Mrs. Nygaard and the other members of the family.

Remarks by Representative Anderson

Of Illinois

Mr. ANDERSON. Mr. Speaker, it is a melancholy occasion indeed that brings us together on the floor of this Chamber to honor the memory of a departed colleague. There is a particular poignancy for those of us who were banded together in the 87th Club, an organization of the 41 Republican Members of the House of Representatives who were first elected to serve in the 87th Congress. For HJALMAR NYGAARD is the first of that number to depart this life. Perhaps because we shared together some of the common experiences and at times what seemed like frustrations of newly elected Members of Congress I came to know HJALMAR well, and as I came to know him I also came to cherish him as a friend and to respect him for the constancy of his convictions. Faithful in his attendance at the sessions of this House, few were the days during our sessions when we did not exchange not only greetings, but more often than not enter into a discussion of the issues before the Congress.

HJALMAR was, I suppose, what you might call a plain man. He was not given to extravagant oratory nor did he consciously seek the white light of publicity for every action that he took. Yet he made an impact on his colleagues and was an effective Representative of his State. Members of Congress, I believe, because of their training and experience have more than an average ability to detect the insincere man—the self-seeker—the political opportunist whose sole concern is to aline himself with the winning faction.

Our departed colleague, and my friend, HJALMAR NYGAARD, was none of these. He was a quiet man, yet there was no difficulty in ascertaining where he stood on a particular issue. He was a gentle and a kindly man. Yet he was able to radiate the strength of his convictions. He was respected by his colleagues who saw in him an example of the kind of dedi-

cated public servant who does credit to our representative form of government.

HJALMAR NYGAARD came to the Congress of the United States with a distinguished background of public service. He had served as the mayor of Sharon, N. Dak., and as a member of the school board. In 1948 he was elected to the North Dakota State House of Representatives where he rose to speaker and served until his election to the 87th Congress on November 8, 1960.

As an educator, local official, State official, and businessman, HJALMAR NYGAARD had the breadth and diversity of training and practical experience that prepared him admirably for his role as a U.S. Representative. He understood the problems of the people whom he was called upon to represent. He will be missed on the Interior Committee where he served faithfully and well. I shall miss him as a friend, but all of us will remember him with both pride and affection.

My wife joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Nygaard and also to their daughter, Mrs. John Larson. We hope and pray that they will be comforted in their sorrow by the knowledge that he will be remembered as a man of genuine character and stature by those of us who serve in this body.

Remarks by Representative Morton

Of Maryland

Mr. MORTON. Mr. Speaker, the loss of Mr. NYGAARD to the Congress, to the great State of North Dakota, and to the Nation has been recognized here and throughout the country in most realistic terms. It is with deep sorrow that I reaffirm this grim but realistic fact.

Mr. Speaker, may I add this. The Members of Congress who came to Washington in January for the first time had no greater friend and counselor than HJALMAR NYGAARD. His time was never too precious for him to stop and lend a helping hand to freshmen. I, personally, have profited by his counsel and assistance many times. Truly the new Members of the 88th Congress will miss a loyal friend.

Remarks by Representative Goodling

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, all of us were shocked by the untimely passing of our friend and colleague, HJALMAR NYGAARD. One might paraphrase a Scriptural passage saying, "His sun went down while it was yet day." There are times when we anticipate the death of a friend who may have lived his allotted years. In this case it appeared to have come in the prime of life.

The House has lost a sincere, friendly, capable Member who was not an extremist but a moderate who was not given to spontaneous statements. He chose rather to think things through in a calm, cool, deliberate manner.

We can only trust more men will follow in the mold and character of HJALMAR.

I join his host of friends in expressing sincere sympathy to Mrs. Nygaard and his daughter, Mrs. Larson.

Remarks by Representative Shriver

Of Kansas

Mr. SHRIVER. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in this sad hour to pay tribute to a personal friend and dedicated public servant.

HJALMAR NYGAARD and I came to the U.S. House of Representatives at the same time. Our associations here have been close. I have a personal knowledge of his great ability, of his sincerity and dedication to the best interests of his district, State, and Nation. He was a stanch defender of our free enterprise system and our American processes of government.

His outstanding record of public service includes distinguished membership over a period of 12 years in the North Dakota House of Representatives where he served in many capacities including that of speaker. His contribution in the Congress and to his State and Nation have been significant and commendable.

He was a friendly, happy, and courteous man, always with a kind word for and in behalf of his associates. We have lost an invaluable colleague; we have lost a great and good friend and our prayerful sympathy goes out to his wife and family in this hour of darkness and sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Don H. Clausen

Of California

Mr. DON H. CLAUSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my esteemed colleagues in paying tribute to the late gentleman from North Dakota, the Honorable HJALMAR NYGAARD.

Early after my arrival here in the Congress, I met HJALMAR on a number of occasions. I am frank to admit that our parallel Scandinavian background and our party affiliation had much to do with the establishment of an early acquaintance. However, in this particular instance there were an extraordinary number of areas where we enjoyed a community of interest. During our prayer breakfast each Thursday morning I got to know him as an outstanding Christian citizen. During our many meetings where we conducted verbal exchanges on pending legislation he willingly provided me with a frank and articulate point of view, thereby guiding me immeasurably during my breaking in period in the House of Representatives. For this I shall be forever grateful.

In addition to the above and most important, HJALMAR impressed me as being one of the fairest and most considerate men I have ever been privileged to know. I shall always remember his conduct among our colleagues and I have every intent to pattern my own course of action after his. Suffice it to say, my life is richer for having known him.

Remarks by Representative Findley

Of Illinois

Mr. FINDLEY. Mr. Speaker, some phrases are overworked, used without proper discrimination. One is the phrase which so often appears in obituaries, "He was admired, respected, and liked by all who knew him."

It is proper to use this phrase today because HJALMAR NYGAARD was truly admired, respected, and liked by all who knew him in the House of Representatives.

I was enriched by my own short but close association with him, and I know my experience was shared by many, many others.

His stability, abiding good sense, and high character will continue to inspire us in memory, just as before this parting.

Remarks by Representative Schweiker

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. SCHWEIKER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to associate myself with the remarks of the gentleman from North Dakota [Mr. Short].

I found my friend and colleague from North Dakota, HJALMAR NYGAARD, to be one of the most dedicated and most sincere public servants I have ever met. It was a pleasure to know him in the 87th Club and in our weekly prayer breakfast meetings. He was most cordial, most tolerant, and most respectful of the opinions of others. Yet he had the ability to stand up strongly for the principles in which he believed, to advocate these beliefs, and to work hard for these principles. Our country profited much from his earnest devotion and his hard work.

He was most fortunate in having such a charming and lovely wife who worked so well with him as an able companion and a loving wife, who was so well liked by all.

My wife and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Nygaard and her family over her tragic loss.

Remarks by Representative Bruce

Of Indiana

Mr. BRUCE. Mr. Speaker, one of the strong men of the Congress has been taken from us. We in the 87th Club, of course, knew HJALMAR NYGAARD better than most perhaps. His quiet strength, his deep conviction, his holding to spirtual values made HJALMAR NYGAARD the kind of man that we all not only like, but loved and respected. I suppose we could all sum it up with perhaps just one phrase. We are better men for having known him; the Nation is better for the service that he has given. We shall miss him, but his memory will be with us forever.

Remarks by Representative Brotzman

Of Colorado

Mr. BROTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I share with my colleagues the deep sense of loss that has been engendered by the loss of our good friend and dedicated public servant, HJALMAR NYGAARD.

Mr. NYGAARD was a remarkably fine man. His record of service to his State and his Nation sets a worthy example for all of us to follow. He leaves a remarkable heritage for the annals of North Dakota.

I am reminded of the great lines:

> Lives of great men all remind us
> We can make our lives sublime,
> And, departing, leave behind us
> Footprints on the sands of time.

HJALMAR NYGAARD has left his footprints on the State of North Dakota and on the United States. His State and his Nation are better places for his having lived, and we are better men and women for having known him.

I extend my deep sympathy to his family.

Remarks by Representative Libonati

Of Illinois

Mr. LIBONATI. Mr. Speaker, our genial colleague from North Dakota, HJALMAR NYGAARD, spent most of his legislative career either in committee or in the House of Representatives.

And so it was at his death here in the Capitol, while leaving his work on the floor of the House to seek medical attention.

His political career prepared him well for his important duties as a Congressman, having served as mayor of Sharon, N. Dak., and from 1948 to 1959, as a member of the House of Representatives of North Dakota, selected as majority leader of his party 1955–1957 and elected speaker in 1959.

He exerted a powerful influence in the Congress among many Members who represented rural areas and, also, among the membership of the several farm organizations throughout the Nation.

His background as a teacher and businessman contributed much to his proficiencies as an analyst of educational and business programs presented to the Congress for consideration. He was industrious in perfecting any task presented to him, both in committee and on the floor. He was one of the last Members to leave the floor at the end of a legislative day and served in the capacity of acting minority leader of his party, frequently.

Congressman NYGAARD was a conscientious, determined and sincere party member whose loyalty to the principles of party action won for him the recognition of all of his colleagues as a factor in their deliberations. There was no question as to where he stood on the controversial issues of the day. His loss to his party is a serious one. Very few men in this life would sacrifice their personal ambitions, by not serving local interests, in order to support those national issues differing from his local party determination.

He enjoyed the friendship of many Congressmen on both sides of the aisle. His valued abilities, asserted in a quiet, gentle way, were reflected in his work in committee and on the floor.

He loved his family and often spoke of them in the endearing terms of a good husband and father.

We, of the Illinois delegation, held HJALMAR in high regard and admired him for his contributions to the legislative life of the Congress. His many attributes of character will live long in our memories. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his dear wife, Clara, and darling daughter, Mrs. Eileen Larson, and to his dear grandchildren, John and Mary, in their bereavement.

The citizens of the State of North Dakota and of the Nation have lost a distinguished public servant and statesman.

It is in times of misfortune that our sympathies seek the solace and comfort of prayer and our prayers are with his family.

I dedicate these few lines to his memory:

A GOOD SERVANT

The veil of life has fallen from his face.
Its webbed vibrant skein has also disappeared.
A life no longer here by God's grace,
Seeks the solace of saintly space—endeared
To him, who keeps the record straight,
For those on earth who kept the faith.

Remarks by Representative Berry

Of South Dakota

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I want to join the gentleman from North Dakota [Mr. Short] and the many friends that HJALMAR NYGAARD had in this body in paying tribute to that great American, a loyal husband and father, at his untimely death.

While we lived almost as neighbors for many years, he in southern North Dakota and I in northern South Dakota, I had not known HJALMAR NYGAARD until he came to Congress. But since that time, because of the fact that our interests in that part of the Nation were very similar and because of the fact that both of us served on the important Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, we came to know and work closely together. The more I became acquainted with him the more I respected him, his judgment, and his ability.

HJALMAR was a quiet, gentle, and unassuming man, but in spite of these qualities he was a powerful man, powerful because he was a great student and a man of unquestionable ability. He spoke only when he had something to add to the solution of the problem under consideration, and when he spoke he spoke as a man who had thought the problem through.

As has been pointed out several times in these comments today, he was a student of government and a student of economics. I was impressed with the comments of one of the ministers who took part in the very beautiful funeral services at Enderlin, N. Dak., Monday. He told about how he had been a neighbor of the Nygaard family. He told how night after night when he turned off his light to go to bed he would glance out his window and there he would see a light still burning in the Nygaard home, and he knew the light indicated that HJALMAR was still reading and studying.

As I listened I could not help but think that the light in the Nygaard window did not go out in the death of HJALMAR. That light will shine and continue to cast its rays not only in his hometown of Enderlin but across his State of North Dakota and across the Nation. That light will glow in the hearts of his many, many friends and, of course, in the hearts of his widow and his family.

Mrs. Berry and I join the wide circle of his friends in extending our deep sympathy to his widow, to their daughter, and to their family on the occasion of their great loss.

Remarks by Representative Harding

Of Idaho

Mr. HARDING. Mr. Speaker, I want to join those Members of the House who are taking this opportunity to pay tribute to the life of our departed colleague, HJALMAR NYGAARD. HJALMAR'S life was an example that we could all well follow. I would have been very proud to have pointed out HJALMAR NYGAARD to my son as a man whose life he might well emulate as he lived his own.

I am not as concerned today about the threat to this Nation from Soviet communism or from the rumored subversion from within as much as I am with the decline and possible destruction of those moral principles that have built stable families, stable communities, and States and the greatest Nation in the history of the world. As long as we have enough men in public life who live according to the teachings of Jesus Christ, who devote their lives to serving their fellow man; men of high ideals who are not lured astray by the temptations of publicity, material wealth, or the pursuit of riotous living, we will retain the freedom that we enjoy as Americans. HJALMAR NYGAARD was this type of individual. He was a man of high principle and honorable character. He was a worthy leader in the truest sense of the word.

I cannot help but think of the saying that many of us have often read, "I would rather see a sermon than hear it." Those of us who have served in the House of Representatives for the past 2½ years with the honorable gentleman from North Dakota, HJALMAR NYGAARD, can honestly say we have seen a sermon in the life and actions of this great man.

His wife and family and the fine people he so ably represented can take real comfort and pride in the fine example he has set for his fellow man.

Remarks by Representative Whalley

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. WHALLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with a feeling of deep personal sadness that I join my distinguished colleagues in mourning the passing of a good friend and a great American, the Honorable HJALMAR NYGAARD. I was deeply impressed with the ability, conscientiousness, and sincerity of Mr. NYGAARD. He had a most pleasant personality and a strong character. He was kind and friendly.

His district, the House of Representatives, and the Nation have suffered a loss in his passing. It is with a feeling of profound sorrow and regret that I pay this last tribute to HJALMAR NYGAARD, who will be missed by all who knew him. I wish to join with his host of friends in extending my deep sympathy to his widow and to his family.

Remarks by Representative Ashbrook

Of Ohio

Mr. ASHBROOK. I believe, Mr. Speaker, that the very sincere and eloquent tributes already delivered on this floor are the best indication of the character of the man whom we are honoring today. As a close personal friend, however, I do want to add something, although I certainly cannot add to the beautiful oratory we have already heard.

I was very close to our departed brother. We came to the Congress at the same time. We had philosophical convictions that closely paralleled each other. Only the Wednesday before his untimely death, we had an opportunity in my office, to discuss legislative matters. At that time I again recognized the depth of his convictions and the great contribution he was making in serving in this body and in bringing to this body the beliefs, principles and high moral convictions that he had.

My memory goes back to something that someone else said and I think that is quite often the best way to say the appropriate thing. I was not a Member of this Congress at that time, but I had the opportunity to be present when Mr. Sandburg made his wonderful and eloquent address before this body on behalf of Abraham Lincoln. He said something at that time that has stuck in my mind, and I am quite frank to admit that it does not apply to many people. He said the most distinctive thing about Abraham Lincoln was his quality of "goodness." Millions of words have been written, many descriptive phrases have been penned, but when all is said and done, there was one thing about Lincoln that was distinctive and that was his quality of goodness. I believe we are talking today about a man who was good and whom we can describe in the same words of Sandburg, as a man of whom you would say, "Here was goodness."

Something else that Sandburg said about Lincoln was that the martyred President was a man who possessed qualities that were both velvet and steel at the same time. The velvet, of course, applied to the softness, the mellowness and the humility of the man. The steel, of course, applied, as Sandburg put it, to the convictions that he had on certain basic principles and the way that he fought for what he believed to be right.

I believe that HJALMAR NYGAARD was a true heir of the spirit and tradition of Lincoln. He was one of the few men that you can say had that quality of goodness. He had the quality of velvet and steel that made Lincoln stand out among all men.

We will all miss HJALMAR, especially those of us who came to Congress at the same time—the 87th Club.

I want to add my message of sympathy to the family and to tell them that all of us miss this friend and we hope that the memory of the words we have spoken here today will in some measure give them relief from the sorrow which they must now be suffering.

Remarks by Representative Beermann

Of Nebraska

Mr. BEERMANN. Mr. Speaker, today we pause and pay tribute to the memory of our departed colleague and friend, the able and outstanding public servant of the sovereign State of North Dakota, whom I was privileged to know so well, HJALMAR C. NYGAARD.

With HJALMAR'S election to the 87th Congress the conservative element of Congress gained one of its most eloquent exponents, and his integrity of character and depth of understanding were exceeded only by his perception, honesty, and sincerity toward his State and country.

Mr. Speaker, the Nation and his beloved State mourn this dedicated legislator who was laid to rest at Enderlin, N. Dak. I know the God-fearing people of his State will miss his vigorous contributions to good government, since he served his constituents so well.

HJALMAR was a man who personified the beliefs and ambitions of his people. I sensed that at his funeral as I listened to them discuss his life, listened to them extend their sympathies to his family and listened to them pay tribute to his memory in sermon and song. I concluded that if ever a man had the complete confidence and love of his people, then HJALMAR was that man.

I believe I know the reasons for the love and affection expressed at his last rites, since I was closely acquainted with his personal and political life in the Nation's Capital. Here it was we met as freshman Congressmen and here it was he won our admiration and respect.

HJALMAR'S concern for the Nation is probably best expressed in a speech he made on this floor when he said:

> If freedom is to survive, the free nations of the world must remain strong economically and spiritually; * * * a determined and dedicated free government will survive.

To conclude this all-too-brief testament to our colleague's memory, I want to add that our beloved United States will continue to survive and it will continue to be served by other dedicated and responsible legislators. However, none that has served in the past nor none who may come to serve in the future will do so with more concern for our heritage than exhibited by HJALMAR NYGAARD from North Dakota.

Mrs. Beermann joins me in expressing our sincerest condolences to his wife, Tommie, to their daughter, and to the members of his immediate family.

Remarks by Representative MacGregor

Of Minnesota

Mr. MacGREGOR. Mr. Speaker, much has been properly said here today about HJALMAR NYGAARD's humility, charity, kindliness, and his outstanding record of distinguished legislative service. But, in addition, HJALMAR had a fine sense of humor and was possessed of balanced good judgment. Just as he always saw the best in every man, so too could he find the lighter side of difficult situations and complex issues.

Mr. Speaker, as one who was privileged to come to the Congress with HJALMAR in January 1961, I have many times seen evidence of his excellent judgment. It was usually his custom in the course of any discussion with his colleagues to wait until each had had his say, to listen carefully to the arguments or points advanced by each of his friends, and then at the conclusion of the remarks of others to make a few brief comments of his own. Many times he left me with the feeling, "Why, how simple. Obviously HJALMAR has the proper answer and has outlined the best approach."

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. MacGregor joins me in extending to Tommy Nygaard, to their daughter, Mrs. Larson, to HJALMAR's father, Carl, and to his brothers and sisters, our warmest thoughts and our most sincere sympathy in this very difficult time for all of the Nygaards.

Remarks by Representative Bell

Of California

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, the Nation and the State of North Dakota have suffered a severe loss at the passing of HJALMAR NYGAARD. I was fortunate in having had the opportunity to work with him when we both came in as Members of the 87th Congress. I can assure you I benefited tremendously by this association. He was always the essence of kindness and consideration to all the other Members, and he was one of the most able Members of the 87th Congress.

My wife and I express our deep sorrow at the passing of HJALMAR NYGAARD, and we extend condolences to family.

Remarks by Representative Jensen

Of Iowa

Mr. JENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply grieved over the passing of our beloved colleague, the Honorable HJALMAR NYGAARD.

HJALMAR was one of the most likable men I have ever known. Honorable in all his associations with his fellow man, he carried on his duties here in Congress in a quiet, gentlemanly, efficient manner.

My heart goes out to Mrs. Nygaard and family. May the same God who called their loved one to his heavenly home give them strength to bear the great loss they have suffered. God rest his soul.

Remarks by Representative Nelsen

Of Minnesota

Mr. NELSEN. Mr. Speaker, it came as a great shock to all of us when we heard of the death of HJALMAR NYGAARD. We lost a neighbor, a colleague, and a great American. HJALMAR was a quiet, sincere, and dedicated man. He proceeded to do his duty as he saw it and his conduct was based on a deep-seated Christian philosophy.

We will miss this true gentleman and we extend to his loved ones our sympathy at this time of bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Harrison

Of Wyoming

Mr. HARRISON. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with other Members of the House in expressing my sorrow over the untimely passing of my good friend HJALMAR NYGAARD.

I first learned to know HJALMAR when he and I served on the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee during the 87th Congress. I found him to be a very clear thinker and dedicated to the welfare of our country and to his State of North Dakota. He took a keen interest in all of the bills which came before the committee and with his experience in legislative matters he was of great help in straightening out many difficult problems. He was liked and respected by all Members of the House and was looked upon as one of those individuals who could always be counted on in time of need.

I enjoyed my association with HJALMAR and I will miss greatly my visits with him on the floor of the House and the discussions we had concerning important legislative matters.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his family on their loss but they can always be proud of HJALMAR, the record that he made during his lifetime and the respect and admiration everyone had for him.

Remarks by Representative Aspinall

Of Colorado

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Speaker, it is with a saddened heart that I join with my colleagues of the House in paying tribute and honor to the memory of HJALMAR NYGAARD. His passing is a great personal loss for he was an understanding and able Member of this Congress and of the committee which I have the honor to chairman. Our hearts are saddened by the loss of his noble and gentle personality and spirit.

His love for people, together with a wide experience in the business and political activities in his community and State, had prepared him for the difficult duties which presented themselves when he came to Congress. He made the transition from the State legislature to the National Legislature more easily than most, and while doing so he gained the respect and affection of those with whom he was to spend so short a time.

During his membership in this body HJALMAR NYGAARD served diligently and effectively on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. His industry, ability, and cooperation were acknowledged by all. But perhaps I, as his chairman, am best able to testify tc his dedication to duty as a committee member. He made a very constructive contribution to committee deliberations.

He came to Congress with a consuming desire to help secure a greatly needed water resource project for his State—the Garrison irrigation project. He gave unstintingly of his talents in preparing the way for the authorization of the project. He had the confidence of his chairman, and I am sure that I had his confidence, too. When this great project is finally built, it can then truly be said that he was, and shall continue to be, a part of it. All too often a real public servant is not permitted to view the finished handiwork of his efforts. Such was his fate. But his legion of friends shall remember.

HJALMAR C. NYGAARD

HJALMAR NYGAARD will be sorely missed by all of us, but he will hold a special place in the memory of those of us with whom he served.

That his soul may find eternal repose and his family God's comfort and consolation is the prayer of all of us.

Remarks by Representative Bob Wilson

Of California

Mr. BOB WILSON. Mr. Speaker, when HJALMAR NYGAARD came to Congress more than 3 years ago, I had the opportunity of getting to know him well and later the pleasure of counting him as one of my warm friends. His untimely death at the age of 57 halted a career which carried him from the flat plains of his native State of North Dakota to the higher plateaus of the Nation's Capital. But his route was marked with that vital ingredient of greatness—humility—which has characterized every man of stature who has served in the Congress of the United States.

Born on a farm near Sharon, N. Dak., not too far from where he was laid to rest on Monday of this week, HJALMAR NYGAARD attended public schools in the area, later taught in those same rural schools. He was elected mayor of Sharon, later moved to Enderlin and went into the hardware business. He then ran for the State legislature, where he served for 10 years with distinction before his election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1960.

As a battler for his constituents, HJALMAR led the fight—as yet unfinished—for the Garrison diversion project which would provide irrigation facilities for some of the arid farmland of his State. He fought for better wheat legislation for his farmers and for other measures aimed at helping his district.

Mr. Speaker, someone once said that "death only closes a man's reputation and determines it as good or bad." HJALMAR NYGAARD'S untimely death has closed a great reputation and ended a brilliant career. I am sure that all his colleagues in the Congress will agree it was even more than good. It was great. We will miss him very much.

Remarks by Representative Harvey

Of Michigan

Mr. HARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to join my distinguished colleagues in the tribute which has been so eloquently and deservingly paid to our colleague, HJALMAR C. NYGAARD. Truly, his sudden and shocking passing is a distinct loss, not only to the State of North Dakota, but to our Nation. There was nothing flamboyant about HJALMAR—not in character, not in his appearance, not in his personality. He was a dedicated, sincere, hard-working public servant, and a tremendous credit to this body, to his State, and Nation—a model for all of us to follow.

It was my privilege to enter Congress, the 87th, with HJALMAR. On this mutual ground alone, I was given the opportunity of becoming well acquainted with this outstanding legislator. Of all his wonderful traits, he was, above all, a real Christian gentleman.

HJALMAR will be sorely missed. His length of service in Congress was brief, but his service and contributions will be long remembered. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of this distinguished Member in this time of deep bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Bray

Of Indiana

Mr. BRAY. Mr. Speaker, we all were saddened by the sudden death last week of our friend and colleague, HJALMAR C. NYGAARD.

Mr. NYGAARD had served in this body only since 1961. For most of us our acquaintance with him is thus of short duration. We do not have long years of memories on which to draw.

Yet I believe there are few indeed who have won such sincere respect and deep friendship in such a relatively short time among us. Mr. NYGAARD was soon marked as a man of strong conviction, a man who had given very earnest thought to the problems we face as a nation and was not hesitant about forming conclusions as to what we should do to meet these problems.

We all quickly learned of his pleasant disposition which made him so well liked among his colleagues.

These things that we learned only in recent years were well known I am sure, in his home State of North Dakota. There he had served more than a decade in the State legislature, and his preeminence in that body was noted by his election as majority floor leader in 1955 and as speaker in 1959.

Our loss, too, is great, but we know that so long as America produces leaders such as HJALMAR NYGAARD we will continue to be a land of greatness. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

Remarks by Representative Conte

Of Massachusetts

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with my bereaved colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of the late HJALMAR NYGAARD, of North Dakota.

His passing was a great shock to me, as it was to the State of North Dakota, the party which he loved so well, and the Nation which was fortunate to have his services.

Although he spent a relatively short time in the Congress, he will long be remembered as one of the most dedicated and able servants who ever served in this Congress.

Born on a family farm, he was well aware of the great strength of this land, and he contributed to that strength in numerous ways.

A former teacher and mayor, he knew well the many facets of our American community life, and exemplified the highest traditions of that life.

He was an outstanding member of the North Dakota Legislature and served his State as both majority leader and speaker.

The U.S. Congress was certainly fortunate in obtaining his services, and he came to this highest legislative tribunal in the land with a firm desire to serve his district, State, and Nation.

As a member of the Republican Party, he made a great impression upon all of us with his faith in the two-party system, and his belief that the Republican Party contained those fundamental beliefs which gave him sustenance and strength.

His passing will take from the Congress one of its most genuine men.

I want to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to extend my deepest sympathies to his family in North Dakota.

Remarks by Representative Gavin

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. GAVIN. Mr. Speaker, I was indeed shocked last Thursday when I learned of the passing of our good friend and colleague, HJALMAR C. NYGAARD.

He was a very humble, kind, and considerate man; highly repected and admired by all who knew him and worked with him.

HJALMAR was a good citizen, and an honest, conscientious legislator who very ably looked after the welfare of his district and State.

So today it is with a feeling of deep sadness that we who were privileged to serve with him in the House record his untimely passing. He will be keenly missed by his many friends.

I extend my deepest and most sincere sympathy to his family.

Remarks by Representative Harsha

Of Ohio

Mr. HARSHA. Mr. Speaker, I, too, was saddened to learn of the passing of our colleague and my friend, HJALMAR C. NYGAARD.

While I was only privileged to know HJALMAR for a short time—we came to this great legislative body for the 87th Congress—it did not take long to realize he was a most dedicated public servant with an astounding insight to the ramifications and intricacies of legislation.

His service as a representative, majority leader, and as speaker of the North Dakota Legislature obviously prepared him well for the tasks as Representative to Congress.

Frequently at our 87th Club meetings, HJALMAR would give us the benefit of his experience and understanding. At these gatherings, it was obvious to all that here was a man possessed with great depth and understanding of the problems facing the Nation. He was a most able legislator, and he will be missed by all. He was an honorable, able, dedicated man, admired by all who shared the privilege of associating with him. His loss is our loss, and to his widow and daughter go my most profound sympathies.

Remarks by Representative Harvey

Of Indiana

Mr. HARVEY. Mr. Speaker, HJALMAR NYGAARD was one of the finest Members of Congress it has been my privilege to know; I will miss him very much. As the Congressman from his State of North Dakota, he combined the finest qualities of a Representative devoted to the welfare of his State and Nation as well. This rare quality he possessed with such modesty that probably too few were actually aware of it. So long as our great legislative body consists of men of his caliber, we need have no fear for our survival and progress. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his widow and the family.

Remarks by Representative Pelly

Of Washington

Mr. PELLY. Mr. Speaker, I join with all Members of the House of Representatives in expressing our feeling of loss in connection with the sudden passing of our friend and colleague, HJALMAR NYGAARD.

HJALMAR NYGAARD will be missed. He will be missed personally by us who were his friends, and he will be missed because of his sound views and because he always voted his conscience and for what he believed was the best interest of our country. He was a great public servant.

Mr. Speaker, I can think of no one who better demonstrated the truth of the old adage that still water runs deep. HJALMAR invariably conversed in a quiet, intelligent and gentlemanly fashion, but never raised his voice or was in any way garrulous or garish. Instead of the fire of contention or anger, his eyes carried a warm glow of human understanding, and to my mind, his views, as I indicated, were invariably sound and well thought out. So, as I said, his loss is a real loss to the Nation as well as to his friends.

I sat next to HJALMAR at lunch and conversed with him on the day he was taken. He was obviously tired, but looked healthy and well. I am sure he felt no pain or indication of an impending heart attack, and this was only a few hours before he was stricken.

We can all take satisfaction that any suffering was very short, and I guess we can hope for as much for each other and ourselves. So, while he was only 57 years of age and could have continued to render great and useful service for many, many years to come, at least there is comfort in the way he went. Certainly, too, it was a case of a good man dying young, in accordance with the old maxim.

Mr. Speaker, as one who respected and admired a colleague and a fellow Republican, I feel real sorrow at the loss of a fine American and friend.

My wife joins me in this expression of a deep sense of loss and in extending our heartfelt sympathy to his widow, Mrs. Nygaard.

Remarks by Representative McClory

Of Illinois

Mr. McCLORY. Mr. Speaker, as a new Member of Congress at the 88th session, I found the late HJALMAR C. NYGAARD to be among the most friendly and considerate of my colleagues. Although he was soft spoken and gentle mannered, Mr. NYGAARD was a man of firm convictions.

HJALMAR NYGAARD was alert to the magnitude of the great problems facing our Nation. He faced up to these problems with a keen knowledge and understanding of the human and economic values involved as well as the capacity of the Congress to act with intelligence and decisiveness.

HJALMAR NYGAARD possessed those qualifications of leadership and statesmanship from which our Nation has become great and after which we earnestly seek.

HJALMAR NYGAARD was always helpful to me and the other Members serving their first term at this session. From my observation, I would judge that no Member of Congress was held in greater affection or respect than the late HJALMAR NYGAARD.

As the Members of Congress join today in expressing their sadness on the occasion of his passing, may we also communicate to his beloved wife and family our sincere, though inadequate, compassion.

Remarks by Representative Hall

Of Missouri

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, it seems the hardest words to find are those that adequately express the loss one feels at the death of a close friend. HJALMAR NYGAARD and his wife were among the first friends we made in establishing our new life in Washington in the 87th Congress.

I was privileged to be with HJALMAR and his Tommy when he died. I know that everything that could be done, was done to stay an all-consuming vascular accident. We are not privileged on this earth to know why some men are taken from us while they still have so much to give of themselves. We must draw on deep and abiding faith that some day we will perceive God's great plan. HJALMAR was an outstanding Member of Congress. He was sincere and dedicated in his service, devoted to his family, to his staff, and to those he was privileged to represent. Our first offices joined.

He understood the obligations that go with serving in this House, and he never took lightly his responsibility for exercising all the judgment at his command on every issue that came before us. He will be missed by all of us. To his wife and family, Mrs. Hall and I extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Roudebush

Of Indiana

Mr. ROUDEBUSH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues of the House in expressing my deep sympathy on the untimely passing of HJALMAR C. NYGAARD, the distinguished Congressman from the State of North Dakota.

As many of us know, Congressman NYGAARD was elected to Congress in 1960, and joined this distinguished body at the same time I was privileged to do so. Due to the fact that we served here as freshman legislators together, I developed a warm affection for this great man and fine public servant. I remember his activities very well in the Republican 87th Congress Club, and the sage advice he gave other Members concerning the welfare of our Nation and the quality of legislation which was being considered by Congress.

During this association with him, I learned that his period of service to the people of his native State preceded by some time his service here in Congress. In 1948 he was first elected to the North Dakota House of Representatives, and it is my understanding that he was majority floor leader there in 1955 and again in 1957, and was honored with the highest role and position to which his fellow members could elevate him when he became speaker of that body in 1959.

I think HJALMAR C. NYGAARD exemplified the type of life all Americans should attempt to lead. He worked diligently, giving his time and efforts to one task—to make this country and our system of Government work just a little better.

I was amazed to learn that for 25 years he served as a volunteer fireman. He also served his church, and civic groups and fraternal organizations in his native State.

I am proud to say that he was my friend and close associate here in Congress.

My heartfelt sympathies go to Mrs. Nygaard and to their daughter, Mrs. John D. Larson. I know that this distinguished public servant will be sorely missed by this Congress and by all who considered him their friend.

Remarks by Representative Horan

Of Washington

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to pay my sincere respects to the memory of HJALMAR NYGAARD and to extend my most sincere sympathies to his widow, his daughter, the two grandchildren, and the rest of the Nygaard family.

One of the great privileges of service in the House of Representatives is to meet and know men like HJALMAR NYGAARD, a quiet man, of the Norwegian blood, that has added so greatly to the steady and sustained growth and glory of our Nation. HJALMAR was diligent in the pursuit of his duties to his State, and by constant attention to his committee and congressional service, he contributed a searching and a steadying influence on the affairs of the Nation. To me it is tragic that such a man should be taken from us by such an untimely death. Still we can gain some sad surcease of sorrow from his record of positive labor in the common good of all us.

Remarks by Representative Wallhauser

Of New Jersey

Mr. WALLHAUSER. Mr. Speaker, it was indeed a great shock to learn of the untimely death of the Representative from North Dakota, the Honorable HJALMAR C. NYGAARD.

Throughout his life, as an educator, as State representative, as Member of Congress, and in innumerable other ways, he served the people of North Dakota and of his country with courage and wisdom. As a Member of this body, he has gained the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his deep convictions and outstanding dedication.

He was a hard working man. It seems fitting that when death came, it should find him in the midst of his chosen work in the Capital of his country. We will miss his good counsel, the strength of his character, and the warmth of his friendship.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Wallhauser joins me in extending deepest sympathy to his widow and family.

Remarks by Representative Bromwell

Of Iowa

Mr. BROMWELL. Mr. Speaker, as we grow older, we become more aware of a class of persons among us who combine rare value to the group with self-effacing reserve. The death of such a person, be it swift or otherwise, always comes as a shock because of the enormous gap it leaves. Instinctively and unwittingly we rely upon them for the good and the sure while we puzzle out the antics of others or try to use the working tools ourselves. Then suddenly and quietly they are gone and we are uncommonly saddened and a sense of loss and loneliness hovers for a long time.

This was HJALMAR NYGAARD. In northern Iowa we are familiar with the northern names, like Hjalmar, and with the virtues such names represent. This House could not be the cross section of our people that it is without Members like HJALMAR NYGAARD, and it is a tribute to the draftsmen of the Constitution and the people of North Dakota that he came here. In him there was none of the false, none of the egotist, everything of the good and faithful public servant. In an age of instability he was stable. He understood freedom, never deserted it, and knew that for it to survive it had to be protected in small matters. He was of the American West. He understood farming. He understood small business. He understood the primary relationships of families and small communities. I am inclined to believe that HJALMAR NYGAARD as we knew him could have served this House and our people from the time it was founded. His values, his knowledge, his experience, were fundamental.

HJALMAR NYGAARD was one who came to the House in 1961, a Republican, and hence a member of the 87th Club. He is the first to die, which makes his death memorable to us so situated in service, raising unexpected questions of who will be next and who will be last; like the medieval memento mori, his passing has reminded us of our own. But it is not his death that is to be remembered; it is the record of his life.

Remarks by Representative McIntire

Of Maine

Mr. McINTIRE. Mr. Speaker, the passing of our colleague and beloved friend, HJALMAR NYGAARD, of North Dakota, removes from our company one of the finest men it has been my privilege to know.

He was a distinguished citizen who gained prominence through his service to his community, State, and Nation. Quiet in manner, he was firm of conviction, and he was respected by all who knew him. He was a devoted Christian who practiced his faith in everyday living.

HJALMAR was a family man, blessed with a wonderful partner in the person of Mrs. Nygaard. He also drew great pleasure from his daughter and her family.

Mrs. McIntire and I shall always treasure the privilege we had in being neighbors to the Nygaards here in Washington. Close association with this couple gave us the opportunity to appreciate their many fine qualities and their devotion to each other.

All of us are grateful that a man like HJALMAR came into our midst, for he was dedicated to his fellow man and he was a person of Christian conduct.

Mrs. McIntire joins me in an expression of love and sympathy to Tommy, his widow, and members of the family.

Remarks by Representative King

Of New York

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in expressing my deep sorrow in the untimely death of our distinguished colleague, HJALMAR NYGAARD. I feel particularly moved because he was one of the finest gentlemen I have known and because we were so closely associated, having come to Congress at the same time.

I was privileged to enjoy his friendship, and I have had great respect for the ability, fairness, and sense of cooperation which he demonstrated abundantly in his work here in the House of Representatives. In the difficult days which lie ahead, we in the Congress shall miss the contributions which HJALMAR NYGAARD might have made.

Mrs. King joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to his beloved family. Their sorrow is lightened only because it is shared by so many.

Remarks by Representative Kunkel

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. KUNKEL. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply shocked and saddened when I learned of the untimely death of our distinguished colleague and good friend, HJALMAR NYGAARD.

Here was a relatively young man, apparently in the best of health, who had already established himself as an outstanding Member of Congress. In a few short years he has made a splendid record. If spared, he would have added to this record as the years passed by. The House of Representatives, the State of North Dakota, and the entire Nation have suffered a great loss.

It will be a difficult task indeed for his constituents to replace HJALMAR NYGAARD with a man of similar stature and ability—a man of many talents, a faithful public servant, a fine human being and a splendid friend.

I wish to join in extending our sincere sympathy to the members of the family.

Remarks by Representative Ostertag

Of New York

Mr. OSTERTAG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the Members of the House in tribute to the late HJALMAR NYGAARD, whose untimely passing has shocked the Nation. Certainly he was one of our most respected, devoted, and beloved colleagues and he will be sorely missed, not only from the standpoint of his great contribution to the many matters of concern to the Congress of the United States but his warmth and friendship as well.

HJALMAR NYGAARD won the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the people he represented by virtue of his soundness of mind and his adherence to principles. His service and his dedication to duty has been recognized as outstanding, and our Nation has lost a valued and progressive legislator.

HJALMAR NYGAARD was a great American, who responded to public service, not only here in the Congress but to his community and State as well.

I join with you in extending my deep sympathy to his beloved wife and his family. And to them I can only add that my life and the Congress as a whole has been enriched by virtue of our association with him. We share with them and the people of the great State of North Dakota the loss of a devoted American, and one who has established an inspirational record which will serve as an influence and guide for others to follow.

Remarks by Representative Alger

Of Texas

Mr. ALGER. Mr. Speaker, we miss HJALMAR. Unfortunately, too often we fail to appreciate our colleagues sufficiently or we take each for granted. I wanted to discuss some matters with HJALMAR. I waited too long.

It was my privilege to be in HJALMAR's district for a Lincoln Birthday celebration. It was a pleasure to visit him in his district, among his constituents. I saw firsthand how liked he was.

This Congress was better for his presence, brief though his stay. His memory helps. I am sure he would want us to do our best in our work legislatively as a memorial to him.

I join with my colleagues in sympathy for his loved ones and his constituents. I am personally strengthened by his friendship and memory and shall try to carry on some of his convictions in our work here.

Remarks by Representative Hansen

Of Washington

Mrs. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with genuine sorrow and deepest regret that I join my colleagues today in paying tribute to our late distinguished Member, HJALMAR NYGAARD, of North Dakota.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to serve on a committee with Mr. NYGAARD and who had the opportunity of knowing him as a person, as well as a Member of Congress, indeed feel that his passing was a tremendous loss, not only to his family but to his State and Nation as well. He was a hard-working Member, devoted to the interests of his State and its welfare, devoted to the finest traditions of America. Above all, he was an honorable, just, and fair man—a man whom I was always proud to call a friend.

My deepest sympathy to his widow and family, his community, and his State.

Remarks by Representative Morse

Of Massachusetts

Mr. MORSE. Mr. Speaker, we have all been deeply saddened by the untimely passing of our colleague, HJALMAR NYGAARD, of North Dakota. He and I came to the House together in the 87th Congress. In the all too brief time I had the privilege of knowing him, I had nothing but respect for his devotion to the House and to the public interest.

Remarks by Representative Riehlman

Of New York

Mr. RIEHLMAN. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in expressing to the family of HJALMAR NYGAARD my deepest sympathy during this time of their bereavement.

Although I never had the privilege of serving with him on a committee, I did associate with him on the House floor and the Halls of Congress. I shall long remember his friendly and conciliatory attitude to other Members of Congress.

Unfortunately, Congressman NYGAARD was privileged to serve for only a short period of time, but the impression he left will be felt for years. It is a most unhappy occurrence to lose a man of his age who had the capacity and great desire to serve his country.

I hope that the One who guides the destiny of us all will provide strength for his family in these trying hours.

Remarks by Representative Quie

Of Minnesota

Mr. QUIE. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply shocked, as I know our many colleagues were shocked, when I learned of the sudden and untimely death of HJALMAR C. NYGAARD. His passing was a loss to all of us in the House, as well as to the District, State, and Nation he represented so ably and served so well. HJALMAR NYGAARD took his responsibilities as an elected official seriously and he worked diligently to carry out his duties.

Words are difficult to come by at a time like this. Depth of feelings is hard to express. Perhaps this is because a man is more than just the sum total of his life's work and his characteristics. This was certainly true of HJALMAR NYGAARD. I do know that I will always value and cherish his memory. There were facets to his character. He was highly capable, and he approached his job here in the Congress as one of opportunity and duty and service instead of some just due he deserved. He was a man of subtle humor, kindness, consideration, thoughtfulness, and understanding. He was a wonderful Christian.

I will miss HJALMAR NYGAARD as I know all of his many friends will miss him. We have lost a dear friend and the sudden news of the loss increases the sadness and the sense of the depth of loss. But I am thankful for his memory, and I extend my sympathy to his wife and family.

Remarks by Representative Mosher

Of Ohio

Mr. MOSHER. Mr. Speaker, I remember well that HJALMAR NYGAARD was the first new Member of the 87th Congress whom I happened to meet after arriving here in Washington, when I also was a new Member. I had a very special feeling for Congressman NYGAARD, perhaps for that reason. I remember well the lively, pleasant twinkle in his eyes as he spelled his first name and said, "Just forget that 'H'."

It always seemed to me he was a salt-of-the-earth type of man, and definitely a product of the great American Midwest at its best.

He was a quiet, unassuming man. But when he talked, it was worthwhile listening, because his ideas were good, his thinking was sound, he was forceful and well informed in his beliefs.

HJALMAR was a teacher and a scholar, and every inch a courteous gentleman.

He was not only successful and respected in his private business life, he was most useful and effective in his community leadership and as an elected public servant with a very long and distinguished record of accomplishment at the local, State, and National levels of government.

I was not privileged to serve on the Interior Committee with HJALMAR NYGAARD, but I know well his reputation for hard, conscientious, productive service on that committee.

I was privileged frequently to ask his personal advice and opinion on legislative matters, and I greatly valued always what he had to say. In a quiet forceful manner he knew what he was talking about.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it came as a very great personal shock to me when I learned of Congressman NYGAARD'S sudden death last Thursday. It is a very great tragic loss, not

only to the members of his own family, but for his constituents, our Republican Party, and for all Members of this 88th Congress.

All of us are the better for having had the honor of associating with him. All of us will miss him greatly.

Remarks by Representative Gross

Of Iowa

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, HJALMAR NYGAARD was an earnest, experienced legislator, completely faithful to his convictions. I am privileged to have had the opportunity to know him and to be associated with him in the Congress.

Although firm in the application of principle to the conduct of public affairs, HJALMAR was a kindly man and his friends were many as evidenced here this afternoon. His untimely death is a genuine loss to North Dakota and the Nation.

Mrs. Gross joins me in extending sympathy to Mrs. Nygaard and their daughter.

Remarks by Representative Derwinski

Of Illinois

Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I join the Members of the House in paying tribute to HJALMAR NYGAARD, one of our most respected, able, and beloved colleagues.

HJALMAR NYGAARD had established himself as one of the soundest and most dedicated Members of the House. His devotion to our Nation's principles, his interest and support of sound legislative acts was recognized by all of us who associated with him.

He came to Congress with a great record as a State legislator in his home State of North Dakota, and in the period he served in Washington he became recognized as a sound, progressive dedicated legislator—an example for all to follow.

HJALMAR NYGAARD served his home communities, his State, and his country with devotion and effectiveness, and left an imprint upon those who were associated with him that will be lasting.

His early training and vocation as a teacher was apparent in the thorough and scholarly fashion in which he analyzed and faced the problems of his constituents, and the spirit of his early vocation was always evident in the concern he showed for individuals, and his willingness to help all of us by passing on to us the knowledge he had obtained in a long and varied career.

I extend my deep sympathy to Mrs. Nygaard and her family, realizing the great loss and sorrow that is theirs. However, the inspiration HJALMAR provided throughout his life remains with us. We are all better because of our friendship and association with him. We share with his family and the people of North Dakota the loss of a conscientious and dedicated public servant.

Remarks by Representative Byrnes

of Wisconsin

Mr. BYRNES. Mr. Speaker, I join in paying tribute to the memory of our able and distinguished colleague, HJALMAR NYGAARD, and in expressing my deepest sympathy to his widow and family.

We were not privileged to have HJALMAR NYGAARD in this body for long, but in the comparatively few years he was among us, his depth of character, his sincerity, and his deep devotion to liberty made an indelible impression on all who came to know him.

He was a devoted public servant, always keeping the best interests of the land he loved uppermost, and this House can ill afford the loss of men like him at a time when grave problems press upon us from all sides. It was an honor and a privilege to work with him and to count him a friend, and I feel a deep sense of personal loss at his sudden passing.

Mrs. Byrnes joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Nygaard and all of HJALMAR'S devoted family in their hour of trial and sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Robison

Of New York

Mr. ROBISON. Mr. Speaker, sorrowfully I join with my colleagues in noting the death of our distinguished colleague and friend, HJALMAR NYGAARD, of North Dakota.

HJALMAR was a quiet man. Within the depths of that quiet calmness that marked him outwardly lay an abundance of understanding of the nature of this life and of his fellow men who so tenuously hold onto it. In those depths also lay a remarkable dedication to the only real things that, for all of us, make life worth living—love of God and country, and service to both; respect for one's neighbor and his right to differ from you; the true joy in useful work, particularly of the kind that would advance the principles in which a man like HJALMAR so deeply believed; the worth of a friendship, freely given and returned, and, of course, the priceless gift of love of home and family.

There are all too few men of this caliber willing to dedicate themselves to the service of their country; but, when they determine to do so, all of us are so much the better therefor, and so very much the lesser when we lose them.

It is in this fashion that I shall remember my friend, HJALMAR NYGAARD, and cherish that memory for the balance of my own appointed days, as I now extend my deepest sympathy to his wife and family in this hour of their loss.

Remarks by Representative Marsh

Of Virginia

Mr. MARSH. Mr. Speaker, my association with our distinguished departed colleague, the late gentleman from North Dakota [Mr. NYGAARD], was relatively brief, but the sense of loss is nonetheless great.

It was my privilege to serve with Mr. NYGAARD on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, and I held him in the highest esteem. He gave careful attention to each matter coming before the committee. He took his work seriously. He was earnest in advancing his views, but respected the views of his colleagues.

This courteous and friendly man represented his district conscientiously and well. His passing is a great loss to North Dakota and to his many friends in this House.

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Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, no one could meet HJALMAR NYGAARD and come away unimpressed. I was privileged to know and work with this noble man.

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His family, his beloved State of North Dakota, and his country, all have great reason to be proud of and thankful for the good life of this fine man.

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My deepest sympathy goes to HJALMAR's family; I share, as we all do, in the sadness and loss which has come to them.

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Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to have been elected to represent the First District of North Dakota which had been served so ably and well by my long-time friend, the late HJALMAR NYGAARD.

HJALMAR was a man who deeply enjoyed serving the people, whether it was his local townspeople in Enderlin, the State of North Dakota which he served with such distinction during his 12 years in the legislature, or all the people of America whom he represented here in Congress. His life was dedicated to service.

Here was a man who was very proud to be an American, and he was very concerned with the rights and feelings of the individual. Although he was a quiet man, when he spoke out he was firm in behalf of those principles in which he believed and by which he lived.

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Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, on July 18, North Dakota Congressman HJALMAR NYGAARD died of a heart attack in Dr. Calver's office in the Capitol. His untimely passing came as a terrible shock to all of us. He seemed to be in good health and spirits right up to the time of his death.

HJALMAR NYGAARD in his 3 short years of service in the Congress established a most commendable record and, along with it, far more than the usual number of friends and admirers.

HJALMAR NYGAARD was born and reared on a farm in North Dakota during a period when there were but few years of prosperity. Early in life he came to know what poverty and hardship meant. He worked his way through college, taught in rural schools for a period, and then went into the retailing business, an occupation which he continued until his death.

As a young businessman HJALMAR became interested in community affairs, serving in many important capacities. In recognition of his outstanding community service, he was soon urged by community leaders to be a candidate for the State house of representatives. Here he became one of the truly fine leaders of the North Dakota Legislature, serving both as majority leader and as speaker of the house of representatives. Three years ago he was elected to the U.S. Congress.

In the short period he served here, his many fine qualities were recognized. He quickly established himself as a man of integrity and principle. He was a sincere, humble person who commanded the respect and admiration of all who knew him. He was a good and faithful public servant.

On coming to Congress, HJALMAR was assigned the position he sought on the House Interior Committee where he served with distinction. He did much to further the cause of the

Garrison diversion irrigation project in which all of North Dakota is greatly interested. His loss on this committee is an irreplaceable one to the State of North Dakota.

North Dakota has lost one of its finest citizens and I, one of my best friends. May I extend my heartfelt sympathy to his lovely wife, Tommy, and to all his wonderful family.

Remarks by Senator Burdick

Of North Dakota

Mr. BURDICK. Mr. President, I was saddened last week to learn of the untimely passing of my colleague from North Dakota, Representative HJALMAR C. NYGAARD.

One of the last occasions on which I saw HJALMAR NYGAARD was at the unveiling ceremony June 28 for North Dakota's first statue in Statuary Hall, that of former Gov. John Burke. The ceremony took place in the Capitol rotunda where the acoustics are poor. Many speakers could barely be heard by spectators in the back rows, but HJALMAR's voice rang strong and clear. Little did we suspect that his end was so near.

HJALMAR was thoroughly a product of North Dakota, born on a farm near Sharon and educated in public schools and colleges of the State. A schoolteacher and proprietor of a grocery and later a hardware business in Enderlin, he knew and understood the life and attitudes in North Dakota because of his deep roots in the State.

A public-spirited and responsible man, HJALMAR served as mayor of Sharon, N. Dak., and later as a member of the school board. He was elected to the North Dakota State House of Representatives in 1948 and rose to leadership positions, serving as majority leader and later as speaker. He was elected a Congressman at large in 1960, replacing me after my election to the Senate. Then, in 1962, he was reelected, this time as Representative of North Dakota's First District in the eastern part of the State.

Although HJALMAR and I were on the opposite sides of the political fence, he and I have worked closely together in Washington, particularly on North Dakota matters. As members of the House and Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committees, he and I collaborated to advance the Garrison diversion unit, a project of great significance to the development of North Dakota.

HJALMAR was at all times friendly and cooperative, and dedicated to serving our State.

I respected HJALMAR NYGAARD's integrity and will miss him, as will the people of North Dakota.

Remarks by Senator Mansfield

Of Montana

Mr. MANSFIELD. I join the distinguished senior Senator from North Dakota [Mr. Young] in the remarks that he has made about our late colleague, Representative NYGAARD, of North Dakota. As a neighbor, we, too, feel his loss. I wish to take this opportunity to express to his family our deep sorrow, and extend our deep condolences and sympathy in his passing.

Memorial Tributes
to
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By Senator Young

Of North Dakota

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to insert as part of my remarks several North Dakota newspaper and television editorials in tribute to our departed friend.

There being no objection, the editorials were ordered to be printed as follows:

[From the Fargo (N. Dak.) Forum, July 21, 1963]

REPRESENTATIVE NYGAARD GAINED OFFICE ON BASIS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Unexpected death cut short a career of service Thursday when it claimed North Dakota's Representative HJALMAR C. NYGAARD in the Nation's Capitol in Washington.

Because of his high elected office, the Republican Congressman may have been regarded by some as a successful politician. This he was, but he was successful in politics because from the start of his public career he envisioned a public office as one of service to the people, and not as an opportunity to build his own personal fame.

Representative NYGAARD has been a teacher, newspaperman, and merchant, but at the same time he has been a mayor, a member of the city council, the school board, the county school officers association, the North Dakota House of Representatives and the U.S. House of Representatives.

During his time in the North Dakota Legislature and in the U.S. Congress, he never operated on the theory that there was a pat solution to everything. He strived for the workable solution, whether it be in the field of education or in getting congressional approval for the Garrison Dam diversion and irrigation project.

He did not win votes because of a great ability to flatter or to stir emotions, but because he was a sincere workman at whatever job he undertook.

It is unfortunate that he was not allowed more time to serve in the public office which he found so interesting. Nevertheless, no one can take away the fact that he did an outstanding job in all the many offices he held.

[From the Minot (N. Dak.) Daily News, July 20, 1963]

NORTH DAKOTA SUFFERS A GREAT LOSS

North Dakota has lost a fine citizen and outstanding public official, and the First District a highly respected Congressman, in the sudden death of HJALMAR NYGAARD.

Only a few minutes earlier Congressman NYGAARD was on the floor of Congress, and it was in the office of the physician to Congress that he died without pain.

In the North Dakota State Legislature HJALMAR NYGAARD demonstrated his ability to think clearly and stand firm by his convictions. He earned the respect of both majority and minority members because of his absolute fairness.

It is indeed tragic that a man of only 57 who had earned high office and success should be taken at so early an age. North Dakota needs leadership by men such as this modest, sound-thinking individual, especially when legislation is pending of great importance to North Dakota.

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[From the Bismarck (N. Dak.) Tribune, July 20, 1963]

HJALMAR NYGAARD, GOOD CITIZEN

HJALMAR NYGAARD epitomized, to a large degree, the typical citizen who rises to a position of political leadership.

He was a farm boy who worked his way in college to a teaching certificate, then taught in rural schools for several years, including in Emmons County.

From schoolteaching he went into the small-town grocery business and eventually into hardware retailing, an occupation which he was to continue through his business life.

And in the small town he interested himself in public affairs, serving on the school board and as mayor of his town.

To this point, he was as one with thousands of other North Dakota people.

Eventually, through no effort of his own—he actually resisted the idea—HJALMAR NYGAARD was nominated for the State house of representatives, serving his first session there in 1949. Quite naturally, educational matters were his major interest.

To begin with, HJALMAR NYGAARD cut no wide swath in the legislature. He minded his business and worked hard, but he had a knack for getting along with other legislators both of his party and of the opposition. So before long he was looked to for leadership, and he became first a floor leader and then the presiding

officer, the house speaker. And, when in 1960 Republicans were sorting through potential candidates for Congress, it was natural again that NYGAARD should be a top choice. He was nominated, won that year and again in 1962, so that upon his death Thursday he was serving his second term in the U.S. Congress.

In Congress, NYGAARD followed the course he followed in the State legislature. He made few speeches and sought no headlines, but buckled down to serious work in committee and cloakroom, where personal influence is most effective. His absence will hurt during coming months when North Dakota's Garrison diversion project comes before House committees, where his shepherding would have been important to success.

Politically, HJALMAR NYGAARD was a moderate. He had strong convictions, but he tolerated opposing convictions. He was a conservative, but not a reactionary conservative.

Personally, he was a friendly, outgoing man, honest and sincere, easy to know and just as easy to like. He was, more than most political figures, just like the neighbor across the street or next door. As we said at the beginning, more than most he typified the average North Dakota citizen.

These were the attributes that made him successful in politics and which probably would have raised him to a position of high respect and influence in Congress. They're the attributes of a man even his political foes could trust, respect, and like.

His death Thursday is a sore loss to the State he represented.

[From the Jamestown (N. Dak.) Sun, July 20, 1963]

(By Bill Wright)

HJALMAR NYGAARD was a gentleman, and we mourn his death.

The Enderlin hardware merchant, only in November elected to his second term in the House of Representatives, showed fine prospects of becoming one of the State's most accomplished men to have ever served in that body.

It was the consensus of those who watched him in Washington that here was a man who would distinguish not only himself, but the people and the State he represented.

HJALMAR NYGAARD was a humble man—plain, friendly, honest, decent; never haughty, never cruel, never cold.

He had a quiet manner among his constituents, a way of reassuring them merely by his presence and by his calm Scandinavian philosophy and accent.

He knew his faults, admitted them publicly. We've heard him say many times, "There's not much I can do as a freshman Congress-

man." But as a second-termer HJALMAR NYGAARD was beginning to move in a circle of effectiveness that is impossible for a freshman Member.

His greatest achievements, legislatively, were ahead of him when he suddenly died. It is a frailty of Congress that ability is almost always ranked second to seniority. Yet, when the two qualities are present, as they were in Mr. NYGAARD, the effectiveness of the Member is boundless.

We feel something of a personal loss, because the Congressman was a good friend. We worked with him on some matters, campaigned with him, and was the recipient of his kindly counsel.

We drove miles across North Dakota's highways, while Congressman NYGAARD and Senator Young talked of many things, mostly politics.

Once at a hotel in Fargo, the room clerk put us into his and Mrs. Nygaard's room by mistake.

The Congressman, arriving from Washington late at night, tired and under strain of a busy schedule that would start early in the morning, merely laughed as the two of us struggled with the transfer of luggage, and all the accoutrements of a campaign, from one room to another.

Mr. NYGAARD was never cross, never excited.

His administrative assistant, Mrs. Irene Edwards, was the longtime "Girl Friday" of the late Senator Bill Langer.

The Senator, she told us, often fired her at the drop of a hat, then rehired her before she could get to her desk.

She marveled at Congressman NYGAARD's composure, his restraint, his tolerance and expressed amazement at the contrast between her two bosses.

She will be a very sad woman at the death of this boss, as she was when Senator Langer died.

She is not alone in her grief.

This was a very good man.

NORTH DAKOTA BROADCASTING CO., INC.,
July 19, 1963.

(By Fred Froeschle)

All North Dakota has been saddened by the death of Congressman HJALMAR NYGAARD.

The State will miss his broad experience in government and the fine associations he had developed during his relatively brief time in Congress.

One of his unique qualities was his ability to inspire the friendship and confidence of diverse political associates. This was in part due to his dedication to the welfare of North Dakota and the

Nation and also in part to the courtesy he accorded to his political adversaries, as well as to his friends and associates.

In the North Dakota Legislature he displayed his capacity as a student of legislation, and this was a special quality which offered promise of a successful career in Congress.

His service to the State included offices at almost every level of government. He was more a public servant than a politician, and this perhaps led to his success in politics.

The management of this station joins all North Dakotans in mourning the death of a great citizen and an outstanding public servant.

[From the Ransom County Gazette, July 25, 1963]

No Excuses Needed for Nygaard Tribute

If the death of U.S. Representative Hjalmar Nygaard was a blow to North Dakota, one can readily imagine what a loss it was to residents of Ransom County.

Representative Nygaard embodied things governmental as we know them today, many of which are representative only of our era and which will never be repeated. He was a conservative, not as we think of conservatism on the Barry Goldwater level, but one who could forego hardline conservatism if he thought it was for the good of all. He represented North Dakota first and foremost in an effort to fulfill the duties of a station given to him by the people.

His rise to political stature is indicative of the struggle of a populace to have its capable men represent them in government. His candidacy for the first time was encouraged by those who recognized his ability more than he did.

In the wake of Hjalmar's untimely passing, this excerpt from a publication of the U.S. Press Association, "The Right To Mourn," seems particularly appropriate:

"In these days of timesaving devices when we are inclined to streamline the flow of life and worship at the shrine of efficiency, the experience of giving final tribute to a great man should give us pause for consideration. In so doing, we consider that only the inspiring grandeur of a funeral procession fulfills the yearning of the living to express their love of the departed.

"Recently we have experienced a wave of materialistic rationalizing designed to convince us that the burial of the dead is merely a disposal problem that should be simplified and conducted along economic and sanitary lines. Such advocates forget, or are insensible of the fact that the removal of ceremony also removes dignity, respect, sentiment—and the right to mourn."

The death of an honored man among North Dakotans and the beauty and splendor of his interment should serve to remind us that the living should not only keep but should treasure the rituals of bereavement and respect. If there are those whose passing deserves particular attention, certainly the man from Enderlin who has done his best to serve North Dakotans is among them.

[From the New Rockford Transcript, July 25, 1963]

DEDICATED SERVANT

If you could be sure of anything it would have been that Congressman HJALMAR NYGAARD never thought he would one day serve his State in Washington. He was a humble man. This was the foremost of his many fine qualities—qualities many people never knew he possessed simply because of his quiet, unpretentious way of doing things.

While serving in the State legislature he gained the confidence and respect of his colleagues, he served them, not himself. As his circle of friends grew, more and more people recognized that this quiet, smalltown businessman was the type that could be depended upon to follow the dictates of his conscience and to act unselfishly while in public office.

His philosophy of government was ingrained in him by his parents whose firm belief in free enterprise and democracy never wavered. Neither did his. He had confidence in people, not in government, and he wanted to continue this great, free land for posterity.

When HJALMAR died so unexpectedly at the age of 57 last week, North Dakota lost a dedicated public servant. He was the rare type individual that never played politics simply for politic's sake. He wasn't a fence-straddler and never hesitated to make his position known. There are too few diplomats in public office today and our State suffered a setback with his untimely demise.

North Dakotans will remember HJALMAR NYGAARD because he was their type of person—honest, sound, conscientious, and sincere. He was a dedicated public servant with a world of admirers.

[From the Bottineau Courant, July 24, 1963]

The sudden death of Congressman HJALMAR NYGAARD was a shock to everyone in our State. Although Mr. NYGAARD had not served in office very many years, he had won the admiration and support of most people in our State. He was highly recognized in national circles and his office was recognized as being capably and efficiently managed. Mr. NYGAARD was for North Dakota, and while his politics

may have differed from others, he had the interest of the people of our State at heart at all times.

We had met Mr. NYGAARD several times and our regard for him was the highest. We felt he was a personal friend. His loss to our State will be great. His death at his young age is a great loss.

[From the McLean County Independent, July 25, 1963]

A GRAVE LOSS

All of North Dakota suffered a grave loss last week with the swift and unexpected death of Congressman HJALMAR NYGAARD. Few have served North Dakota so well in such a relatively short period of time.

Although a representative of eastern North Dakota, following his reelection last November, HJALMAR nonetheless ably served all of North Dakota.

Quiet and unassuming, he disproved the statement that "good guys always come in second." HJALMAR was, in every respect, a good man, a man who was fair in his political deliberations, who sought full knowledge where diverse opinions were expressed, who moved about without fanfare as he effectively pursued the goals in which he sincerely believed.

Only in his sophomore term as a Congressman, HJALMAR had a bright future in Washington. His seat on the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, where reauthorization of Garrison diversion will be considered first, was and is needed by North Dakota.

It was as a member of the State legislature that HJALMAR was best known to most North Dakotans. He was no overpowering figure in the house where he served as majority leader and speaker in later sessions * * * and many were somewhat surprised when the Republicans tabbed him for the nomination as a Congressman at their 1960 convention.

Like other members who had served their legislative district and their State well in Bismarck, HJALMAR was relatively unknown outside of his home area, away from the legislative halls in 1960. But through his six terms in the statehouse, he had demonstrated to his party associates and even to those of the opposition that he carried within that distinguished stature honesty, fairness, diligence to duty.

Death is always tragic * * *. It is especially tragic when it strikes a man in the "bloom" of his life.

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